



PREF PROPELLER

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SUPT.'S CORNER

By: Michael Lloyd, Superintendent

This week I would like to cover the issue of the picnic tables that have been placed in the center of campus. I'm sure everyone knows by now that the tables are available for use anytime between the hours of 6 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. as long as the resident has no other commitment at that time. For instance, you should not be sitting on the picnic tables if you are assigned a work detail at that time. I would also like for everyone to know that even though there are only four tables there now, there will soon be twelve. I want to make that common area a place for everyone to use that will support social growth between the residents.

OPINION COLUMN

Topic: Bush's administration's decision to temporarily suspend the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

I believe that they should have been more proactive. They should have suspended the requirement a while ago, when the chaos started. And I most certainly don't agree with the provision of the federal travel initiative that will be implemented as early as January 1, which will require that people traveling from and to the U.S. from any location by land or sea, including ferry crossings, will need a passport.

-Dwight Cobbs, #891991

Next week's issue: Stem cell research.
Good or bad idea?

RECOVERY DORM

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Below is a listing of the recovery dorm guidelines, and dorm set-up.

The number one requirement is that all residents must be a graduate of the CLIFF or Therapeutic Community programs at other facilities. If you as a resident are interested in participating in this program you must be committed to recovery. Cursing, swearing, and/or any use of abusive language of any kind will not be tolerated. You will be dressed properly and look presentable at all times. Shirts are expected to be tucked in, pants pulled up, and clothes will be clean and neat. You will be expected also to maintain good hygiene. Being organized is expected also. Your materials as well as your bed area, for example, should be kept neat and clean.

You must be a team player. Being successful in your recovery is going to require a group effort.

Respect and courtesy from each individual to another is most certainly expected. This goes for actual persons, a person's property, space, time, etc.

There will be lots of personal and group communication in this program. You should be able to communicate clearly and effectively.

You must be willing to learn from self-study as well as from others in the program

and be able to accept direction and constructive criticisms.

Disciplinary problems with the residents of the recovery dorm will be overseen by the dorm specialists as well as the section leaders.

There are AA and NA meetings to attend on a regular basis. There will be mentoring programs, tutoring programs on various subjects, as well as career planning programs and motivational speaking programs

There will be a total of 26 residents participating in this program at any one time. These 26 residents will be split up into two groups of 9 and one of 8. There will be a section leader for each section. Each section will be expected to alternate the responsibility of keeping the dorm clean; delivering and picking up the laundry, etc.

If you are at all interested in participating in this program, sign up with your specialist and have them contact Mr. Taylor, Substance Abuse expressing your interest in the program.

ACES WILD

By: Dalton Haney, PIO

On Saturday, April 21, 2007, PREF held its first concert for staff and residents. The concert turned out to be a huge success; probably more so than anyone expected. The three opening acts were bands composed of residents from the PREF Music Program. The next performer was Mr. Jimmy Ryser who put on an unbelievable solo performance. Following Mr. Ryser was a new local band, Aces Wild.

Well, I am pleased to announce that Aces Wild will be returning! On Saturday, July 14, Aces Wild will be performing an outdoors show at PREF! (Weather permitting of course) The band liked playing here so well, they asked when they could come back and we are more than happy to accommodate them. For those of you that

missed the first concert, ask someone who did attend what they thought. I'm sure you will be pleased.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

By: David White, Stegemiller

I have really taken a new approach towards my recovery of addiction. I have come to understand that on drugs I am of no value to anyone. I know that if I find myself at a point of despair I have to keep in mind that as a result of this cycle, healing is within reach. I have to avoid pulling away and getting stressed out.

I know it helps to get my concerns out in the open. I am not going to hesitate to discuss my thoughts or drug use with a liberal-minded person, because I know this is important for me to remain drug-free. I will lay the groundwork for whatever I choose to create for my life, moving in a direction to ensure my ultimate success. I'm going to need to take a slow, deliberate and disciplined approach. I have to get the ball rolling, being prepared for set backs or delays.

Success and staying drug-free comes with patience and perseverance. I know my place and purpose in life is very important to my success and staying drug-free. I want to attract the best of what life has to offer. I have to be drug-free to be able to reach my full potential, to be my best self. I have to remain calm, pin down details and keep a leveled head and make sound decisions, finding social activities that include loved ones. That is on the top of my list of priorities. This will create a special joy and excitement within me again. I am going to put my plans in writing and keep my guard up against mistakes. This is important in my plans of recovery.

Mr. Fleming has helped me make preparations for this important mission. He understands, and he was so helpful and supportive in his leadership role. I need to

stand up and take a bow for him for helping me to accomplish and achieve what I have, as well as the heights that I am going to reach. I am counting my blessings. I acknowledge Mr. Fleming for helping me along the way.

Thanks Mr. Fleming.

DORM REP MEETING

By: Dalton Haney, PIO

There was no dorm rep meeting last week due to Mr. Haney's absence from the facility and Mr. Lloyd's busy schedule. However, an agenda was submitted for review. The proposed agenda had two topics for discussion.

The first topic was once again visitation. As this topic has already been discussed at length, it will not be considered for discussion again. The visitation procedure will soon change, so there is no need to discuss the procedure as it currently stands. The recommendations by the dorm representatives will be taken into consideration when rewriting the procedure, but not at this time.

The second topic for discussion is the availability of policies and procedures in the law library. It is said that there are next to no available policies and procedures. A number of policies/procedures are currently under consideration for approval. These policies/procedures will not be made available until they are approved for implementation. It is understood that these need to be available for resident and staff knowledge; however, allowing access to a policy/procedure which has not been approved is not a viable option. Once these policies and procedures have been approved for implementation, they will be made available. Meanwhile, the law library clerk will need to provide a list of policies and procedures which are needed as well as what is already accessible to Mr. Haney.

RELIGIOUS RESOURCE CENTER

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

The Religious Resource Center is open. It is located inside the chapel.

Books may be checked out. There are reference books and other materials available. Religious VHS tapes, DVD's, CD's, and cassettes are available also for your viewing and listening pleasure.

The Religious Resource Center will be open seven (7) days a week from 8:00am to 8:00pm. The only time it will not be accessible is during religious service meetings as well as during special events taking place in the chapel such as concerts, etc.

Please go and enjoy the chapel's newest resource!!!

RELIGIOUS SERVICES EVENT

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

On June 21st, 22nd and 23rd from 6:15pm to 8:30pm the religious service department will host the Spiritually Armed and Ready for Release Event. There will be guest speakers, including Pastor Veola Jordan, Dr. Preston Crowe, and Evangelist Cynthia Bynum. There will be guest performers, including Free Worship, The White Family, Plainfield Baptist Church, Danny Owens, Michael "Black" McGhee, PREF Male Chorus, God's Project of Anderson, New Life Youth Choir of Indianapolis, and more.

SPORTS

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

There was another All-Star basketball game played the evening of May 7, 2007.

The final score for this game is listed below.

Many thanks to the outside team and to Mr. Wright, Specialist III who came in from the outside to play against the PREF team. They should know that they are invited to come back anytime.

PREF 71

Wright 68

The MVP of the game would be Mr. Bonds, having scored 21 points, 15 of those 21 points being 3 pointers.

Good job PREF!!!

JOB OPENINGS

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Here is a list of some of the jobs that are currently available here at PREF:

Sanitation:

- Stegemiller – 1 full time / 1 part time (GED)
- Young
- Tanner
- Vocational Bldg/Physical Plant

Substance Abuse clerk

Concrete Crew

Lt. Maxey's Crew

Outside Fence Jobs:

- IYC Warehouse (requires 1-O) – 2 positions open
- IYC Flooring and Fencing Crew (1-O/1-R) – 4 positions open

Any resident interested in any of the above listed jobs, contact Mr. Smith, Classification Specialist III, located in Johnston/Walsh.

JUST A THOUGHT

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Cultivate peace first in the garden of your heart by removing the weeds of selfishness and jealousy, greed and anger, pride and ego. Then all will benefit from your peace and harmony.

HAVE A LAUGH

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

They did give people a cost-of-living raise. The federal minimum wage will be increased for the first time in 10 years. That seems like a fairly clear indication that the cost of living has increased.

Suggestions for The PREF Propeller should be e-mailed to Mr. Dalton Haney, PREF PIO, with a subject line of "PREF Propeller" or given to Mr. Dwight Cobbs, PREF PIO Clerk, Young dorm.